

# **SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION SELECTION POLICY FOR 2022 ASIAN GAMES**

## **1 EVENTS**

- i. Men's team – 5 players
- ii. Women's team – 5 players
- iii. Men's singles – 2 players
- iv. Women's singles – 2 players
- v. Mixed doubles – 2 pairs

Each country is allowed to send a maximum of 5 Men and 5 Women's players to compete in the 5 events.

## **2 SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Selection Committee consists of the following members:

- i. Chairman of High Performance Committee
- ii. Co - Chairman of High Performance Committee (if applicable)
- iii. Members of High Performance Committee
- iv. Head Coach for National Men's team
- v. Head Coach for National Women's team
- vi. Technical Director
- vii. Senior High Performance Manager

## **3 ELIGIBILITY**

- i. All athletes must be Singapore Citizens and fulfill the eligibility under the regulations from the Olympics Council of Asia.
- ii. Athletes should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 21 years old, at the time of nomination.

## **4 SELECTION CRITERIA (SINGLES & TEAM)**

**Team Event (five players per country including the players for the singles and doubles)**

- I. The Selection Committee will nominate three players with the highest ITTF world ranking before the deadline for Entry by name for the team event.
- II. For the fourth player, the Selection Committee will nominate one player from the National Team / Intermediate Squad who meets the criteria of 6<sup>th</sup> placing among the athletes in the Asian Games countries based on latest ITTF world ranking and

/or past results in regional tournaments within the twelve-month period, e.g. 2021 Asian Championships before the 2022 Asian Games. Due to COVID-19, the selection committee will also consider the following :

- Results at 2018 Asian Games
- Results at 2019 Asian Championships
- Qualification for Tokyo Olympic Games
- Results at Tokyo Olympic Games
- Technical capability and compatibility of playing style in double events

III. The remaining players in the National Team and Intermediate Squad will go through one round of selection trial to determine the final nominee for the team event. The Selection Committee will determine details and the format of the selection trials.

#### **Singles Event (two players per country)**

IV. For the singles players, two players selected for the team event with the highest ITTF world ranking based on the latest ITTF World Ranking before the deadline for “Entry by name” will be nominated for the singles event.

#### **Mixed Doubles Event (two pairs)**

V. The selection committee will decide on the pairing of the two pairs of mixed doubles from the list of players in the team event, based on results from ITTF opens, world championships, regional championships and major games.

### **5 Extenuating Circumstances**

In consideration of the performance and “qualities” of athletes, the selection committee may at their discretion give consideration to extenuating circumstances. For this purpose, “extenuating circumstances” mean an inability of the athlete to compete in and/or attend event, training camps or other required attendances arising from:

- Injury or illness.
- Equipment failure.
- Travel delays.
- Bereavement; and
- Conflicting work/school commitments
- Such other circumstances as the selection committee may consider to be relevant.

### **6 COVID-19**

Due to COVID-19, the selection committee will also consider the following:

- Results at 2018 Asian Games

- Results at 2019 Asian Championships
- Qualification for Tokyo Olympic Games
- Results at Tokyo Olympic Games
- Technical capability and compatibility of playing style in double events

## **7 SELECTION PROCESS**

- i. The selection trial will be conducted one month before the deadline for nomination to SNOC
- ii. Two weeks before the deadline for submission to SNOC, the Selection Committee will select the players based on the above criteria. The latest ITTF World Ranking on the date of the Selection Committee meeting will also be used in the selection process.
- iii. Players who are selected for Asian Games have to fulfill all training requirements set by the Head Coaches for National Men's and Women's team.
- iv. The Selection Committee reserves the right to change the nomination for the singles and mixed doubles before the Asian Games Team Manager meeting, as per Asian Games Table Tennis Technical Handbook.

## **8 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- i. Players who exhibit unsporting behaviour (e.g using of vulgar language during matches, verbal abuse of tournament officials) will be disqualified from competing in the selection trials
- ii. If players exhibit behaviour during the Asian Games that maybe considered damaging to the image of Singapore team, an SNOC Disciplinary Committee will be convened.

## **9 APPEAL PROCESS**

- i. Appeal against the non-selection must be made in writing to the Chairman (High Performance Committee), Singapore Table Tennis Association at 297C Toa Payoh Lorong 6 Singapore 319389, within 48 hours of the announcement of the players selected for 2018 Asian Games.
- ii. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.
- iii. An appeal must be made in writing with supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of S\$100.00, payable to the Singapore Table Tennis Association. If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded in full.

- iv. There will be an Appeal Committee (comprising of members not involved in the actual selection process) to investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties.
- v. STTA will inform all parties about the Appeal Committee's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal in writing. The decision of the Appeal Committee will be final and no further correspondence will be entertained.

*High Performance Committee  
Singapore Table Tennis Association*

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